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SUBJECT: RCA/MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC NEGOTIATIONS ON THREE-AXIS
STABILIZATION SYSTEM FOR SATELLITES

1. TOKYO AVIATION AND SPACE TRADE PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT
RCA AND MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP. (MELCO) ARE NEGOTIATING
AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY MELCO WOULD ACQUIRE RCA'S THREE-AXIS
STABILIZATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ATTITUDE CONTROL OF SATELLITES.
MELCO IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH TOSHIBA; LATTER
SAID TO ALREADY HAVE CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITH GE FOR USE
OF ITS THREE-AXIS TECHNOLOGY. MELCO AND TOSHIBA ARE
COMPETING FOR A DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FROM MASDA
FOR THE ETS-III SATELLITE, PLANNED FOR LAUNCH IN JFY 1981.

2. RCA'S TRADING COMPANY, OKURA AND COMPANY, HAS CONFIRMED
TO EMBOFF THAT PRESS ACCOUNTS ARE ESSENTIALLY CORRECT.
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